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DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS
PROPOSED MEETING OF CINCPAC WITH PRESIDENT MARCO
A. CINCPAC 162315Z MAY 78 (NOTAL)
B. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S HAWAII DEBRIEF 10 MAY 78
OF VICE PRESIDENT'S MANILA VISIT. (NOTAL)
C. SECSTATE 130111Z MAY 78 (STATE 122535) (NOTAL)

1. (S) AS YOU KNOW, I WAS ASKED TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS WHILE IN MANILA FOR THE MDB ANNIVERSARY MEETING TO COVER THE POINTS IN REFS B AND C (REF A REFERS). AMERICAN EMBASSY MANILA EXPENDED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TRYING TO ARRANGE THE MEETING. I WAS AVAILABLE ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY SECRET

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(15-16 MAY), THEN FRIDAY AFTERNOON 18 MAY AND SATURDAY
19 MAY (DELAYING MY SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TO TRY TO
ACCOMMODATE). WAS IN BANGKOK VISIT 17 AND MORNING 18 MAY.
PRESIDENT MARCOS APPARENTLY WAS IN AND OUT OF TOWN DURING THIS
PERIOD. FINAL CHANCE FOR MEETING SATURDAY MORNING
19 MAY FELL THROUGH WHEN AMERICAN EMBASSY MANILA WAS
ADVISED THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS WAS OUT OF TOWN AND

WOULD NOT BE RETURNING TO MANILA UNTIL AFTER THE WEEKEND. BY LATE FRIDAY 18 MAY IT BEGAN TO APPEAR THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS PROBABLY DID NOT WANT THE MEETING AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME. THIS IS SOMEWHAT CONFIRMED INDIRECTLY BY PRESS ITEMS, INCLUDING ERRONEOUS REPORT OF A MEETING ON BASES 19 MAY BETWEEN GENERAL ESPINO AND MYSELF, OBVIOUSLY PURPOSELY RELEASED BY PRESIDENT MARCOS AND APPEARIN IN ALL MANILA PAPERS SATURDAY MORNING 19 MAY. AS REPORTED REF A, GENERAL ESPINO TOLD ME THAT HE HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT MARCOS REGARDING MOVING FORWARD ON MILITARY TO MILITARY DISCUSSIONS. CONTRARY TO ABOVE MANILA PRESS REPORTS. ASSUME AMERICAN EMBASSY MANILA WILL WANT TO COMMENT FURTHER ON THESE PARTICULAR PRESS ITEMS. 2. (S) HAVE PROVIDED CHARGE TOUISSAINT A COPY OF MY MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD COVERING ALL POINTS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS AS REQUESTED BY REF B. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING HE WILL ENDEAVOR MEET WITH PRES MARCOS THIS COMING WEEK. 3. (U) ALL BEST WISHES. **GDS-86 UNQTE VANCE**

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